

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1. (currently amended)      A reservation acceptance system, comprising:  
a request acceptance portion for accepting request information indicating a request for providing a service, the request being sent by a customer;  
a current position information obtaining portion for obtaining current position information that indicates a current position of ~~a the customer who made~~ relating to the request information;  
an area information storage portion for storing area information that defines a predetermined area around a provision position of the service;  
an existence decision portion for deciding whether or not the customer ~~who made~~ relating to the request information is within the predetermined area in accordance with the current position information and the area information; and  
a reservation acceptance processing portion that performs a reservation acceptance process for accepting a reservation of the service that relates to the request information when it is decided that the customer ~~who made~~ relating to the request information is within the predetermined area and does not perform the reservation acceptance process when it is decided that the customer is not within the predetermined area.

2. (currently amended)      The reservation acceptance system according to claim 1, further comprising:  
a provided quantity information obtaining portion for obtaining provided quantity information concerning a quantity of the service that can be provided,  
wherein the area information has a parameter that indicates the quantity, so that the predetermined area is ~~defined as a larger area as~~ correlated to the quantity indicated by the parameter ~~is larger~~, and the existence decision portion performs the decision by deciding whether or not the customer ~~who made~~ relating to the request information is within an area that is defined in accordance with the quantity indicated by the provided quantity information and the area information.

3. (currently amended) The reservation acceptance system according to claim 1, wherein

the request acceptance portion accepts the request information together with a designation of a desired time for receiving the service,

the area information has a parameter that indicates a time so that the predetermined area is ~~defined as a larger area as~~ correlated to the time indicated by the parameter ~~is longer~~, and the existence decision portion performs the decision by deciding whether or not the customer ~~who made~~ relating to the request information is within an area that is defined in accordance with the time related to the designation and the area information.

4. (currently amended) The reservation acceptance system according to claim 1, wherein if a request for a temporary reservation is received from the customer after the result of the decision that the customer ~~who made~~ relating to the request information is not within the predetermined area is obtained, the current position information obtaining portion obtains the new current position information of the customer ~~newly~~,

the existence decision portion performs ~~the a new~~ a new decision ~~newly~~ in accordance with the ~~newly obtained new~~ current position information, and

the reservation acceptance processing portion performs the reservation acceptance process if ~~it is decided by the newly performed new~~ decision is that the customer is within the predetermined area.

5. (currently amended) The reservation acceptance system according to claim 1, further comprising:

an arrival time forecast portion for forecasting a time of arrival when the customer ~~who made~~ relating to the request information for the reservation that was processed by the reservation acceptance process will arrive at the provision position;

an arrival possibility decision portion for deciding whether or not the customer who made the request will arrive by the forecasted time of arrival in accordance with the time of arrival, the present time and ~~the new~~ current position information of the customer that was obtained ~~newly~~ after the reservation acceptance process had been performed, and

a cancel processing portion for performing a process for canceling the reservation related to the request information when it is decided that the customer ~~who made~~ relating to the request information will not arrive by the forecasted time of arrival.

6. (original) A reservation acceptance system for accepting a reservation of a parking lot, comprising:

a request acceptance portion for accepting a request for parking a car in the parking lot;  
a current position information obtaining portion for obtaining current position information that indicates a current position of a customer who made the request;

an area information storage portion for storing area information that defines a predetermined area around the parking lot;

an existence decision portion for deciding whether or not the customer who made the request is within the predetermined area in accordance with the current position information and the area information; and

a reservation acceptance processing portion that performs a reservation acceptance process for accepting a reservation of the parking lot for the customer when it is decided that the customer who made the request is within the predetermined area and does not perform the reservation acceptance process when it is decided that the customer is not within the predetermined area.

7. (currently amended) The reservation acceptance system according to claim 6, further comprising:

a traffic information obtaining portion for obtaining traffic information around the parking lot or the customer who made the request, the traffic information being transmitted from an information providing portion; and

a demand forecast portion for forecasting a future demand of the parking lot in accordance with the obtained traffic information, wherein

the area information has a parameter that indicates a quantity of the demand, so that the predetermined area is ~~defined as a larger area as~~ inversely correlated with the quantity indicated by the parameter ~~is smaller~~, and

the existence decision portion performs the decision by deciding whether or not the customer who made the request is within an area that is defined in accordance with the forecasted demand and the area information.

8. (original) A computer program product for use in a computer that performs an acceptance of a reservation, the computer program product comprising:

means for ~~processing an acceptance of~~ accepting request information indicating a request for providing a service, the request being sent by a customer;

means for obtaining current position information that indicates a current position of a the customer ~~who made~~ relating to the request information;

means for obtaining area information that defines a predetermined area around a provision position of the service from an area information storage portion;

means for deciding whether or not the customer ~~who made~~ relating to the request information is within the predetermined area in accordance with the current position information and the area information; and

means for performing a process for accepting a reservation of providing the service that relates to the request information when it is decided that the customer ~~who made~~ relating to the request information is within the predetermined area.

9. (new) A reservation acceptance system, comprising:

a request receiving unit to receive a request for providing a service, from a customer;

a location unit to obtain a current position the customer;

an information storage unit to store area information defining an area around a provision position of the service;

a decision unit deciding whether the customer receives the service according to the request depending on the area information and the current position of the customer and to communicate the decision to the customer; and

a reservation unit to reserve the service for the customer, when the decision unit decided that the customer is within the area around a provision position of the service.